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RE:

JOHN ROSELLI, aka

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LA 4396-C*advised that ROSSELLI has been in Los Angeles during the past week residing at his apartment.

On 8/22/63, LA 4396-C* advised that ROSSELLI talked to JOE who is no doubt JOSEPH I. BREEN, JR. who is a close friend of ROSSELLI and who is presently residing and working in Las Vegas, Nevada. ROSSELLI tells JOE about a movie story and said someone in New York is willing to furnish money to produce the movie. He wanted BREEN to look over the story and made arrangements to meet BREEN at the Friar's Club in Beverly Hills after three p.m. on 8/22/63.

LA 4268-C advised that on 8/22/63 ROSSELLI arrived at the Friar's Club about 2:45 p.m. and started playing cards with RALPH MARKS. At about 4:00 p.m., JOE BREEN arrived at the club and he and ROSSELLI sat in a corner by themselves and talked.

At 4:15 p.m. when informant left the Friar's Club, ROSSELLI and BREEN were still there.

While at the Friar's Club on 8/22/63, LA 4268-C learned that Mr. and Mrs. MAURICE H. FRIEDMAN were in the San Diego area. In this respect, PCI JACK WALTERS advised on 8/22/63 that FRIEDMAN and his wife had left the day before to attend the races at Del Mar. They planned to return to the Beverly Crest Hotel on 8/25/63. When FRIEDMAN left the hotel on 8/21/63 he left a small address book which the maid turned over to the PCI who in turn made it available to an Agent of the Los Angeles Office. The address

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book, which has been photographed and returned to PCI contains names, addresses, and telephone numbers of numerous contacts of FRIEDMAN.

The Las Vegas Office advised that on 7/21/63 the flight manifest of Flight 133 (Bonanza Airlines) from Reno, Nevada, to Las Vegas, Nevada, carries "Mr. and Mrs. John Rosselli" and "Mr. and Mrs. M. Friedman" as passengers. It is recalled that FRIEDMAN and ROSSELLI reportedly left Los Angeles together on 7/18/63 for Cal Neva Lodge on Lake Tahoe. The means of travel they used is not known, however, additional information may be obtained from Bonanza Airline records in Reno where it was indicated that ROSSELLI and FRIEDMAN cancelled reservations to San Francisco and Chicago, Illinois and went to Las Vegas.

ROSSELLI, according to a neighborhood source, has been driving a 1962 Ford T-Bird. This car is registered to Brand Motors where ROSSELLI bought his 1963 T-Bird. The reason for ROSSELLI using a Brand Motors car is not presently known.

AUSA THOMAS SHERIDAN is considering issuing a subpoena for ROSSELLI to appear before a Federal Grand Jury which is inquiring into the activities of several members of Friar's Club in connection with bookmaking activities. (This is an IRS investigation). LA 4268-C has advised that someone from the Beverly Hills Police Department suggested to the Friar's Club that they dut down on some of the larger gambling games at the club during the current inquiries.

E. STEPHEN D'ARTOIS, Sales Manager, Doheny Plaza Apartments, where ROSSELLI has a reservation to purchase an apartment advised on 8/22/63 that he has heard nothing further on this from either ROSSELLI or MAURICE FRIEDMAN.

LA 4268-C had advised that ROSSELLI was at the Friar's Club nearly every day during the past week.

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